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St. Mary's, Sacred Heart, Visitation & St. Sebastian

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 20 2026



Are you working in God's
Vineyard?

If you are new to our parish please visit our website www.quadparishes1.org to register. We look forward to meeting you. The office is located at 306 E. Birch St., PO Box 20, New Berlin, IL 62670.

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays:

Mon. 8:00AM Visitation
Tues. 5:30PM St. Mary's
6:00PM Adoration
Wed. 8:00AM Sacred Heart
Fri. 8:00AM St. Sebastian

Weekends:

Saturday:
4:00PM Visitation
5:45PM St. Sebastian
Sunday:
8:00AM Sacred Heart

CONFESSION TIMES- Sat.- 3:00-3:40 PM Visitation
Tues.- 6:00-6:30 PM St. Mary's

Other times by appointment

“GOD IS GENEROUS TO ALL”

This Sunday’s Gospel presents the parable of the workers in the vineyard. A landowner goes out early in the morning to hire laborers. He returns several times during the day and even goes out at the eleventh hour, when the working day is almost over. At evening, something unexpected happens, those who worked only one hour receives the same wage as those who worked throughout the day.

Naturally, those who began early complained. They have carried the burden and heat of the whole day. From a human point of view, their reaction seems understandable. Yet the landowner has not cheated them. He gives them exactly what they agreed upon, a day’s wage. Their problem begins when they compare what they have received with what someone else who worked less hours has received. The landowner asks: “Are you envious because I am generous?”

Jesus is not really giving us a lesson about wages. He is teaching us about the generosity of God. God’s goodness cannot be measured by our calculations of who deserves more and who deserves less. Grace is a gift. We can serve God faithfully for many years; but we can never say that God owes us more than he has given us or owes another person.

This is also the message of the first reading: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. (Is 55:8-9)” We often think in terms of comparison. Why is that person doing better than I am? Why did God answer his/her prayer and not mine? Why has someone who came later received what I have struggled for over many years? Comparison can quietly turn gratitude into resentment.

Where I grew up, we have a tradition that speaks to these facts. We place great value on “community, hospitality, respect and belonging” A child is raised by the whole community. A person does not live only for himself. We rejoice when the family is strong and when the community is at peace. In the same spirit, another person’s gifts does not become a reason for bitterness. What God gives to my brother or sister does not take anything away from me, in fact it should bring me joy.

This lesson is especially important in the Church. Someone may think, “I have been here for thirty years. Who is this newcomer?” Another may resent the attention given to a returning Catholic, a new convert, or someone whose life has only recently changed. But Jesus reminds us that God welcomes even those who arrive at the eleventh hour. His mercy is not limited by our sense of seniority.

So, the Gospel leaves us with a simple question: Can I rejoice when God is good to someone else? A grateful heart says, “Thank you, Lord, for what you have given me, and thank you for what you have given my brother or sister.” That is freedom from envy. That is the spirit Jesus wants in his vineyard: not competition for grace, but gratitude for the generosity of God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	9/21	Dr. Charles & Helen Peters (<i>Bob & Lola Eck</i>)
Tues.	9/22	No Mass
Wed.	9/23	No Mass
Thu.	9/24	No Mass
Fri.	9/25	No Intention
Sat.	9/26	
	4:00 PM	Dennis Beadles (<i>Clark & Terri Smith</i>)
	5:45 PM	Dick Hall (<i>Gail Eck</i>)
Sun.	9/27	
	8:00 AM	Sharon Johnson (<i>Mick & JoAnn Johnson</i>)
	10:00 AM	Jackie Hermes (<i>Williams Family</i>)

This weekend we take up our collection to support the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled—but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. Clergy formation, communications programs to bring the Gospel to remote territories, youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples—these and all the Church’s needs are wide-ranging. The collection for the Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges and build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this appeal today. **To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.** iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this appeal if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



PARISH OFFERING AS OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
ENVELOPE	\$ 997	\$ 355	\$ 836	\$ 361
ONLINE	\$ 312	\$ 365	\$ 200	\$ 100
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$ 1,308	\$ 720	\$ 1,306	\$ 461
YTD GIVING	\$ 21,857	\$ 14,068	\$ 8,909	\$ 4,981
YTD BUDGET	\$26,204	\$ 17,965	\$ 8,808	\$ 7,168
YTD NET	-\$4,347	-\$ 3,898	-\$ 101	-\$ 2,187

ONLINE GIVING QR CODES



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPT 20-1st day of PSR for 2nd & 3rd grades

SEPT 22-24-No Mass

SEPT 27-1st group PSR/potluck after mass-SM

OCT 3-Black & Indian Mission Collection

OCT 5-Pastoral Council Meeting-6 PM

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Janet Blankenship, Sarah Simpson, Louise Lenn, Sue Lowder, Kathy Gordon, Barb Johnson, Mary Lee Staley, Joe Gaston, Lisa Richardson, Mary Hemberger, Roseanne Hartley, Calyssa Richie, Mary McCray, Heather Boudreau, Sy Haber, Donna Reichart, Joyce Henn, Paul Sweet, Carol Bold, Nancy Blankenship, Jackie Hamilton, Kathy Norman, Kathy Piel, Russ Adams, Suzanne Berry, Carol Peterson, Alice Greenwood, Matt Cumby, Kevin Howell.

New Berlin Community

Saturday, October 10 8:00 am-11:00 am

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Group Code: 60033



We are looking for new members who are male Catholic gentlemen, 18 years of age or older, who have an interest in enhancing their church and local communities. Contact Kevin Kirsch at 217-685-1819.

No Coffee & Donuts at St. Mary's today, Sept. 20. The next gathering will be October 11 hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Please join us for a fun and joyful

PARISH PSR POTLUCK

ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
FOLLOWING 10AM MASS
ST MARY'S PARISH CENTER

- Sandwiches & Lemonade Provided
- Sign up to bring a side/dessert at the back of the church by 9/20.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make Mass on the Farm such a beautiful celebration. We are grateful to our Pastoral Council, musicians, our set up and take down crews, and all who offered their time and hard work. Thank you as well to the many parishioners who attended this year. Your presence made the day truly special.

ENJOY GOD'S CREATION WITH A

Nature Hike

Sunday, October 18th at 4:30 pm
Weather Permitting

1989 Old Jacksonville Rd
(King's House)

- All Parishioners/PSR Families Invited
- Dress for both the activity and the weather
- Hot dogs and smores provided
- BYO Lawnchairs

The Friends of the Library annual book and bake sale runs **Fri, Sept 18-Sun, Sept 20** at the West Sangamon Public Library. This year the bake sale will run Sunday, too, during the Homecoming parade!

Inviting all 13-15 year olds! Great River Quest, in Quincy IL, has a retreat coming up **September 25-26, 2026 (6p-6p)**. It's a fast paced 24 hour retreat aimed at helping youth to examine their relationship to God, self, and others in their lives. You get to make new friends and get to know the ones you come with better, all while having lots of fun! Please contact **Caroline Wiewel 217-430-6086 / questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org** for questions or fill out an app online at www.greatrivertec.org/quest

Do you have a sick family member who would like to receive Communion at home? Please call the parish office and leave your address and we will be happy to schedule a visit.

VOCATIONS CORNER

You know the stories that get passed down from one generation to the next in your family? Do you know the story of Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, a Puerto Rican layman who lived a quiet, holy life and died of cancer in 1963 at the age of 44?



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